

## \$1 Silk Hose for 50c

A lot of 225 pairs of Women's White Silk Hose, with double sole, spliced heel and toe; just the correct summer weight.

## Women's Lisle Hose, 50c

Black, tan and white. Black and tan are made with all silk boot, lisle top, heel and toe. These are good wearing Hose for the price.

**MILLER & RHOADS**

## NEW MYSTERY IN JEWEL ROBBERY

Woman Who Returned Mrs. Hooker's Diamonds Used Innocent Woman's Name.

Mrs. I. W. Dawson, of Seven Pines, yesterday morning presented herself at the home of Oscar Hooker, 706 West Grace Street, and rather indignantly denied that she was the woman who on Tuesday night returned \$1,500 worth of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Hooker in January and received therefor a check for \$200.

One glance at the real Mrs. Dawson convinced both Mr. and Mrs. Hooker that she was not the woman who had returned the jewelry. In appearance the woman are totally unlike. Mrs. Hooker, who once lived on the Seven Pines Road, had often seen Mrs. Dawson on the street, and identified her.

The check for the reward, so far as is known, has not yet been cashed at the American National Bank, on which it was drawn. When the pseudo Mrs. Dawson called at the Hooker home Tuesday night, she made no mention of the reward. That, at the jewelry had been returned and a reward had been offered for its return, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hooker had any hesitancy in giving a check.

**No Help From Police.**

While the Police Department has been working on the case no effort was made to see Mrs. Dawson on Wednesday after the first publication in The Times-Dispatch that day that the jewelry had been restored to the rightful owners. It was pointed that Mrs. Dawson refused to give the name of the boy from whom she received the property.

Had a detective interviewed Mrs. Dawson he could have ascertained that she had nothing whatever to do with the case and the woman who impersonated her might have been caught and identified when she endeavored to cash the check. It is possible that the check was cashed elsewhere than at the bank on which it was drawn.

Although Mrs. Hooker suspects no one and is not inclined to prosecute, it is a fact that no crime has been committed—one by the thief and one by an unidentified woman, who returned the diamonds.

The robbery was committed on January 30. Mr. Hooker reported it to the police, but they were unable to render any assistance. Then, when Mr. Hooker was advised to advertise in The Times-Dispatch and offer a liberal reward, the police, it is claimed, tried to persuade him not to do it. But he did advertise and the police did not know that the jewels had been recovered until they saw it in The Times-Dispatch.

### N. & W. EARNINGS

**Revenues Decrease, While Expenses of Operation Grow Larger.**

The net income of the Norfolk and Western Railway System for the first eight months of the fiscal year from July 1, 1910, to February 28, 1911, shows a decrease from the corresponding period of the fiscal year 1909-1910, according to a statement issued yesterday by Joseph W. Cox, comptroller.

For the month of February, 1911, the net income shows a decrease of 18 per cent. In the first eight months of the year the passenger mail and express revenues were \$2,729,653, freight \$2,818,340, total operating revenues of \$5,547,993, a decrease of \$415,225, or 7 per cent. Operating expenses amounted to \$2,749,223, an increase of \$152,285, making the net income of \$2,800,770, a decrease of \$152,285, or 5 per cent. The net income for the first eight months of the year was \$22,152,285, a decrease of \$1,152,285, or 5 per cent. The net income for the first eight months of the year was \$22,152,285, a decrease of \$1,152,285, or 5 per cent.

### COAL COMPANY FORMED

**Richmond Capital Engaged in Mining in Alabama.**

With an authorized maximum capital stock of \$1,000,000 and a minimum of \$250,000, the Bryan Coal Corporation, with principal office in Richmond, Va., was organized yesterday by the State Corporation Commission. It is according to the papers of incorporation it is the intention of this concern to buy, sell, operate and develop other things of coal and oil properties in the State of Alabama.

The usual restrictions as to the holding of 10,000 shares are placed on the company. The State secured a fee of \$500.

The directors are as follows: Frank Nelson, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., president; Thomas H. Egan, Richmond, vice-president; George Egan, Jr., Richmond, secretary; and James H. Dealey, Fred W. Scott and John P. Branch, of this city.

**Seize Whiskey.**

Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue assigned in charge of the Petersburg division, Wednesday seized 500 gallons of whiskey, claimed to be in excess of the amount reported to the department at the plant of the Chesterfield Distilling Company.

**Are You Going to Europe This Summer?**

Call on the Richmond Transfer Company for rates and sailings.  
809 E. Main Street.  
Phone Monroe 767.

## SERGEANT WREN BACK ON FORCE

Fined \$100 by Police Board on Charge of Being Drunk.

### MADE CLEAN CONFESSION

Officer's Long Service Serves Him Well at Bad Time. Conway Dropped.

On his plea of guilty to the charge of being intoxicated and absent from duty, Detective Sergeant T. J. Wren was fined \$100 by the Board of Police Commissioners last night.

In his admissions Sergeant Wren stated that he had taken only three drinks, and the board believed that the detective's condition on the night he was reported for the offense was due more to a lapse of memory than to intoxication. The detective's long term of service was also taken into consideration. He is the oldest man in point of service and in years in the detective department, and his work in itself was deemed sufficient reason for his continuance in service.

### Admitted It Like a Man.

It was stated that the board desires all branches of the force to adhere strictly to the rules and regulations, and that every man will be held strictly accountable for his conduct. It was said that Sergeant Wren admitted all the charges brought against him, making no defense, and, in view of his record in the past, the board deemed a fine sufficient punishment.

Sergeant Wren will return to his official duties today, and his recent lapse so far as the board is concerned, will be as a closed book.

### Conway Dropped by Board.

Among other business, the board finally settled the case of Policeman Elbert T. A. Conway, whose age was alleged to have been more than the limit prescribed in the regulations. It was unable satisfactorily to prove that his age was within the minimum, and he was, accordingly, dropped from the rolls. T. J. Franklin, of Marshall Ward, was elected in his stead.

The matter of electing an additional man to the detective department was not broached, and other like business scheduled to have come before this meeting was postponed.

### For Juvenile Court.

The board also took up the matter of operating here a juvenile court. In a previous meeting the board had received an opinion from the City Attorney as to what was necessary to establish such a court here, and his opinion, received last night, was that it would demand legislative action. Therefore, for the purpose of framing a bill, a committee of three was appointed by Mayor Richmond, ex-officio president of the Board of Police Commissioners, to confer with a committee of three from the Juvenile Protective Association. The committee from the board consists of Commissioners Manning, McCarthy and Weil.

### "Ward System" in Music.

Several members spoke in favor of their favorite parks. Chairman Bateman stated that while he had no preference as to parks, he thought better results would be obtained by picking six parks, well distributed through the city, and assigning to each its own night. In that case the public would come to know the schedule, and could expect music in a specified park on the same night each week. If it is attempted to have music in all the parks, it would mean a concert once every two or three weeks in each, and the schedule would be uncertain and changeable, while the cost of bandstands and lights would be greater.

The concerts will begin the first week in June, and continue for twelve weeks.

Contract for lockers for the First Regiment Armory was awarded to the Virginia School Supply Company for \$2,210.66, that concerning the lowest cost of three proposals secured by Major Price. A minority of the committee wanted to advertise for bids in the usual form.

### Court Directs Verdict.

A verdict for the defense was returned by the court yesterday in the case of David S. Booth against Thomas B. Hammer, which was in progress for two days in the United States Circuit Court.

The case of the Oil Well Supply Company against George L. Stone and James B. Montgomery was started yesterday. The court instructed the jury to find for the plaintiff, and \$2,525.96, with interest from yesterday, was awarded.

### Mr. Walker Resigns.

W. Reginald Walker has resigned the office of sergeant-major of the First Battalion, First Infantry. Mr. Walker found that business prevented his giving the necessary time to the duties of the position. Major L. T. Price, the battalion commander, will shortly appoint Mr. Walker's successor.

## Mr. Platter, of Texas, Farewell

Just a Little Tale of a Bunco-Steerer Who Spread Sunshine Net for Coin.

Consider now for a moment, please, the case of Mr. Platter, of Texas. Well groomed, debonaire, apparently wealthy, with a charm of manner and full of mirth, Mr. Platter, of Texas, blew in from the Southwest and chatted pleasantly of the weather and other things. From a silver case, which was curved to fit the pocket, he drew forth a handsomely engraved card, flashed one, then another, and not instantly into the grasp of some tobacco manufacturer on the representation that he was a member of the Texas firm with which the Richmond concern did much business.

Everybody thought Mr. Platter was the goods; so did Mr. Platter; this story tells you how he got away with it. He had evidently been in Texas, for did he not converse freely and intelligently of that same firm of which he claimed to be a partner? Yes, he wanted to see that wonderful factory, whose product poured into his place and again to the smoking, chewing authorities, must be said to the credit of Mr. Platter that he liked the plant.

A little lunch? Well, come to think of it, he didn't care if he did? A little motor car trip through the town? Well, he had his own motor and there was no novelty connected with it, but while he was here he might as well look over the town that sent forth such charming tobacco. And he looked. And he talked of the firm in Texas, did Mr. Platter, whose anecdotes were fresh, improved as a stranger, Mr. Platter improved as the conversation jumped from Mexican greasers to higher art as exemplified in the cigarette pic-

## HOWITZERS TO BE SENT TO BETHEL

Military Board Will Pay Expenses to Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

### RANGE DEED IS APPROVED

Many Towns Want State Encampment—Cup for Military Horse.

In commemoration of the first real battle of the War Between the States, the State Military Board last night decided to pay the cost of transportation of the Richmond Howitzers to the scene of the battle of Bethel. Exercises will be held on the ground on June 16, the fiftieth anniversary of the conflict. The Howitzers of that day furnished the only artillery at the battle.

This action was taken at the request of Captain John A. Curtis, who appeared before the board. He asked also that the Richmond Blues and the company of Infantry at Newport News be sent to Bethel, but this was not done. The battleground is on the line between York and Elizabeth City counties, five miles north of Morrison's, on the Chesapeake and Ohio, and about eight miles each from Newport News and Hampton.

Similar action was taken in the case of the United States Light Infantry, which command will receive transportation to the celebration of the shedding of the first blood in Virginia at Fairfax on June 1.

### Towns Want Camp.

The matter of the selection of a site for the State encampment during the coming summer was left to a committee, composed of Adjutant-General Sale and Brigadier-General Vaughan. Invitations have been received from Culpeper, Basic City, Buckroe Beach, and Goshen. Alden Bell, member of the House of Delegates from Culpeper, appeared before the board in person and tendered the use of the horse show grounds at Basic City, where he stated that inducements will be placed before the committee from other places.

The board decided to offer a cup for the best hunter and charger, owned by either an officer of the militia or of the United States Army, exhibited at the annual meet of the Richmond Horse Show Association. The association, it was understood, expects to have a fancy drill troop from Fort Myer present on the occasion of the show.

### Will Accept Camp Site.

Acceptance was had of the deed to the new State rifle range and camp site near Virginia Beach, subject to certain minor matters which are to be cleared up. Attorney-General Williams will see that the deed is properly transferred, made his report recommending the acceptance of the title.

However, it will be necessary to secure the written consent of owners of the property between the range and sea for shooting over their lands and streets. Mr. Sale said he anticipated this would be settled without the slightest trouble; in fact, that the papers had already been drawn and agreed to, and were only awaiting signature. However, these technical matters will be completed before the State makes its formal acceptance and begins to improve the property. Judge Williams said that the abstract of the title, made by S. H. Heth Tyler, of Norfolk, under his direction, was thorough and exhaustive.

Definite approval was given by the board to improvement in rifle practice. An allowance of \$500 was made for the purpose of establishing a local rifle range at Staunton, for the joint use of Company A, Second Regiment, and Company K, First Regiment, both of which are located in that city.

The money will come from the United States fund for the promotion of rifle practice. It is the intention to lease a piece of ground and use the money to fit it for the purpose of constant practice by the men of the Staunton companies. In fact, it is understood to be the policy of the board to encourage the establishment of rifle ranges at every point where a military company is stationed.

### Medals Are Accepted.

The sample service medals for issuance to the Virginia Volunteers were submitted and approved by the military board, and the medals will be manufactured without delay. The samples were regarded of the highest quality and workmanship. It is expected that about 300 men will be entitled to medals for different lengths of service. General Sale expects to personally deliver these medals to the recipients, and men, visiting that company for this purpose. The work of distribution, it is expected, will be begun within a few weeks.

The Adjutant-General was directed to order four McCall incinerators for use at the coming State camp.

All the members of the board were present; Governor W. L. Mann, Adjutant-General W. W. Sale, Secretary of the Commonwealth B. O. Jamps, General C. C. Vaughan and Lieutenant Colonel Joe Lane Stern, with Clerk Joseph LeMasurier.

### NEW TRIAL REFUSED

Judge Ingram Approves Verdict in Woodley Daniel's Case.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday Judge Ingram overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Edna O. Woodley against the Virginia Railway and Power Company. The verdict was brought some time ago. The motion was awarded damages of \$1,250. The motion of a new trial was on the grounds of after-discovery.

Attorneys for the street railway company noted exceptions and were given thirty days after the expiration of the present term of court to present their bill.

### TRACE STOLEN WARE

**L. W. Landrum Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods.**

L. W. Landrum, of South Fourth Street, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of receiving stolen goods. He was found with a large quantity of stolen crockery and tableware belonging to Mrs. Alley. It had been reported that the property was stored in the laundry boarding-house, 463 East Main Street. Officers went to the place and traced it to Landrum's home, and arrested him. He said that the crockery and other ware had been brought home by two small children, and that he would make an investigation.

## THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

### A Man's Earnings

Invested with us will buy a home or let him up in business almost before he knows it.

1117 East Main Street.

## SOCIETY FAILED TO GET ITS CASH

Civil Suit Filed After Cashier Hill Suddenly Disappeared From Town.

### SEARCH STILL GOING ON

Hunsdon Cary Got Promise of Money, but Never Could Locate Hill.

While the report of receivers who have been investigating the financial affairs of the "True Reformers' Bank" will be heard in the Chancery Court for a week or ten days, the disappearance of R. T. Hill, the cashier, continues to mystify directors and a large number of colored people who lost their savings when the institution was closed as a result of a State investigation.

Some facts which have recently come to light show that Hill had been hard pressed by some of his people, he having made desperate efforts to raise funds to satisfy one demand without success. Since the disappearance of Hill, circular, signed by Major Werner, has been sent broadcast with his description, offered a reward of \$25 for any information which might lead to the discovery of his whereabouts. There is no warrant, however, for his arrest.

### Cary Files Civil Suit.

Before Hill left the city without notifying his family that he would not return, he told his friends that he had been asked for his trial, and that he had to leave money. But he failed to borrow it. A day or two after he went away Hunsdon Cary, counsel for the Lotta Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, filed a civil suit in the Chancery Court against Hill for \$1,500. That amount having been turned over to him by the religious association as its treasurer for deposit. This money was put in Hill's bank on September 6 last. The corresponding secretary, who lives in Baltimore, made demand on the treasurer for the money, which was a part of the collection at the Lynchburg convention last fall.

Mr. Cary said yesterday that Hill drew a cashier's check for the full amount the day before the bank failed, which was sent to Baltimore. But, of course, it was never paid. The civil suit is for the recovery of this money.

### Promised to Pay It.

Just previous to the disappearance of Hill, Mr. Cary got from him a promise that it would be paid. He went away one Friday morning, having promised to settle on the preceding day. Mr. Cary was unable to locate him on Friday, and when he went after him again on Saturday found that the church officer had left town. That night Hill's son notified The Times-Dispatch of the disappearance, and subsequently requested the police to send out the circular. The civil suit was instituted on the following Monday, the church organization on being anxious to use every legal means which might help it to recover its money.

### May Be Sensational.

It is expected that the report of the receivers will show that the colored bank was conducted along queer lines. Negroes who lost by its failure have declared that they despised the bank after its officers and directors had been notified that it was not solvent, and if this charge is proved it will be a case for the criminal courts.

Some of Hill's friends believe that his mind was affected by the financial burdens which he was trying to shoulder, and they are apprehensive that he might have wandered off without knowing what he was doing. It is known that he was greatly disturbed by his failure to raise enough cash to satisfy the Lotta Carey Society, though it was never explained why he sent a cashier's check for the full amount to Baltimore the day before the bank failed. Many persons interested in the bank after its officers and directors had been notified that it was not solvent, and if this charge is proved it will be a case for the criminal courts.

### PLAYGROUND RALLY

Many Speakers to Discuss Features of Outdoor Work To-Night.

E. B. Fuller, chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council, will preside to-night at the playground rally to take place at 8 o'clock in the John Marshall High School. The rally is being held in honor of the work of the Richmond branch of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs, under whose auspices the playground has been organized. It is expected that many of the mothers will be present.

For various reasons this meeting has been postponed from time to time, but on account of the interest displayed it is believed that the rally will be a success.

The object is to secure more and better playgrounds for the children of Richmond. Among those who will speak will be C. B. Cooke, Dr. F. M. Roade, Councilman Don Cook, and the following members of the Committee, and Chief of Police Werner.

The report of the delegate sent by the Federation of Mothers' Clubs to the National Convention in Baltimore last January will be presented.

A feature of the rally will be a musical program.

### FEDERAL INDICTMENTS

**Stephens to Answer Charge of Stealing Registered Letter.**

The following indictments were returned yesterday by the Federal grand jury: Benjamin Stephens, of Suffolk, stealing a registered letter and contents from the post-office at Suffolk. The letter was addressed to Edgar T. Brownell, at Norfolk, and forwarded to him at Suffolk. The indictment contains three counts.

Two true bills against Arthur Bradley, Roger Willis, Robert Johnson, William Brooks, George Banks and Curtis Young, prisoners at the government workhouse at Occoquan, Prince William county, who escaped from Suffolk. The letter was addressed to them with an assault upon a guard.

### A. M. Orgain, Jr., Dined Well.

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At Va. Richardson, Dinwiddie.	2 50
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C. H. G. of Fairfax county.	2 00
Children of the Wellville	1 10
A. J. Lester	1 00
A. J. Horner	1 00
Cash	1 00
Cash	1 00
Cash	2 00
Total	\$17 10
Amount previously acknowledged	1 64 20
Grand total	\$18 74 20

**Suit for Damages.**

Suit was instituted in the City Circuit Court yesterday by the American Furniture and Fixture Company against H. Katz, trustee, for damages to the amount of \$500. No declaration was filed.

### Hears Bankruptcy Cases.

Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., in the United States District Court, yesterday afternoon heard argument before the referee by counsel in the case of the Claremont Box and Cumber Company, bankrupt, of Claremont, Va.

## Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits

The very choicest fabrics produced in a faultless manner. All sizes for all shapes, ready for immediate delivery.

Knox Silk and Evening Hats, too.

## Gans-Rady Company

## Famous Police Spotter Is Dead

Sonnie Hoy, Once a Thief, Later Helped Officers Catch Other Thieves.

Sonnie Hoy, famous police spy and spotter, has gone to his reward. He died at noon yesterday of consumption. There were few mourners about his bed, and there were fewer who breathed a sigh over his bier. Yet Sonnie, ex-convict though he was, had done valuable service for the police force. He had risked his life often for those of officers who occupied the largest favor in his heart. He had been a thief himself, and he knew how to catch a thief. A term in the penitentiary caused him to reform, and after his release he set about training to put others behind the same white walls whence he had come. He did it without malice. He considered it his duty, and his black face—it was the blackest face this side of the golden sands—was often seen peering into the corners of the First Police Station. He had come with information concerning some evidence, and the officer who went with him generally landed his man. It was Sonnie who stole the Bick jewelry. He was never recaptured.

In his latter days Sonnie verged upon

subject poverty. A kindly police commissioner heard of his sad state and sent him a pair of striped society trousers, with waistcoat to match. Sonnie was happy again. He found himself a pair of tan shoes, a beaver and a swallow-tailed coat. No one questioned him, and he never volunteered information as to where he procured the other duds. He was proud always, however, to name the police commissioner who donated the society trappings. He died with these same trappings. They always say of heroes that they died with their boots on. Sonnie had on both boots and trousers, and who shall say that he was not a hero? He was born black and humble. He learned how to steal before he learned how to write, and he never learned to write. The one art was sufficient unto him that of catching thieves.

The sun was at the meridian yesterday when poor Sonnie breathed his last. His lungs were gone, and he could not breathe a prayer. But maybe there is some hope even for Sonnie, for he saw a feeble light, and his guiding star was dim in the distance. He will be missed when they lay him in Pottery's field. There will be a few who will follow his loss, even though they follow not behind his cortege.

## KEEZELL WILL NOT BE STATE AUDITOR

Says He Is Not a Candidate. Has Not Decided as to Senatorship.

Effectual disposition of the recent guesses that George B. Kezell, late State Senator, and now treasurer of Rockingham county, would be a candidate for Auditor of Public Accounts before the next Legislature was made yesterday in the flat statement by Senator Kezell that he would not seek the office. In answer to a direct question by a friend over the telephone, the Rockingham county man said he did not desire the position and would not have it.

He has not as yet, however, indicated whether he will return to the Senate, where he has for so many years been a leading figure, or whether he will be a candidate for election to the governorship, which office he is now filling by appointment. Recently Senator Kezell said he would probably not decide this question before July 1. As chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, the Rockingham Senator occupies a foremost position in the affairs of the State government.

It was generally believed he could have the auditorship if he desired it, and his declaration with doubtless develop some candidate, though none is as yet announced. Captain S. R. Dogwood, the incumbent, has stated he would not be a candidate.

### PATRONS' ASSOCIATION

**Movement to Help Work at John Marshall High School.**

With seventy-five members the Patrons' Association of the John Marshall High School was organized last night, and C. Chandler was elected president, while other officers were chosen as follows: Rev. Miss Lulu C. Kelly, second vice-president; Mrs. J. B. Spiers, recording secretary; Miss Alice M. Walsh, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Howard Smith, treasurer.

The object of this association is to bring the patrons or parents or guardians of the children of the High School into closer touch with a view of furthering the welfare of the pupils.

C. Chandler named several committees. They include:

Entertainment—Mrs. E. R. Fuller (chairman), James W. Kimbrough and Miss Rebecca Angel.

Membership—Mrs. J. B. Spiers (chairman), Miss Lulu C. Kelly, Mrs. E. R. Fuller, Mrs. G. E. Browning and Mrs. Greed Davis.

### MEMBERSHIP UP TO 1,850

**Y. W. C. A. Campaign Closes With Good Results.**

The membership campaign of the Young Woman's Christian Association ended yesterday with the closing of the roll. The purpose of bringing the membership rolls of the Y. W. C. A. to a total of 3,000 names. Though the goal was not reached the work will continue in the hands of several committees which will be named.

At the final meeting Rev. Walter Parker, D. D., pastor of the Park Place Methodist Church, addressed the workers and congratulated them upon their efforts, and encouraged them in continuing their work. He also increased the membership of the association.

### Admitted to Practice.

Robert W. Arnold, of Warrenton, Va., was admitted to practice yesterday in the United States District Court.

## W. L. DOUGLAS

ESTAB. 1876 \$3.00 & \$4 SHOES FOR MEN

W. L. Douglas Spring Styles include more Snappy and Up-to-Date Shapes in Oxfords & High Cuts than ever before produced.

W. L. Douglas warrants every pair of his shoes to last longer, look and fit better and wear longer than any other make, giving you better value for the money than you can obtain elsewhere.

When you buy W. L. Douglas shoes you will be pleased because of the fit and appearance, and when it comes time for you to purchase another pair you will be more than pleased because the last ones wore so well and gave so much comfort.

### BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTES.

CAUTION The genuine have W. L. Douglas name and the retail price stamped on the bottom, which protects the wearer against high prices and inferior shoes.

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES CLAIMED TO BE "JUST AS GOOD."

If you cannot find W. L. Douglas shoes in your town, write for a catalog. Shoes sent direct from factory to wearer, all charges prepaid. W. L. DOUGLAS, 105 Park St., Boston, Mass.

W. L. DOUGLAS, Richmond Store, 623 East Broad St.

## MR. O'SHEEL RAPS TRUST MAGNATES

Tells Suffrage League About That Wicked Political Game in New York.

Mrs. W. M. Adams was chairman of the afternoon at the meeting of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia yesterday, and introduced as the speaker of the occasion Mr. O'Sheel, of New York, who is spending some time in Richmond.

Mr. O'Sheel favored suffrage as a means for enabling women to help in the establishment of a purer and more honest political democracy. He drew a sharp picture of some political practices which women ought to avoid, and dwelt on his experience of the game as played in New York, and the well-nigh hopelessness of opposing money trusts with a hope of success.

He explained the meaning Mr. O'Sheel ascribed to the word "trust" as it applied to the people and the New York Trusting Trust, and told why the people had come out second best. Quite a number of members were present, and the speaker was heard throughout with close attention.

Mrs. Smithfield, as recording secretary, made an excellent report. It was announced that the Williamsburg league had increased its membership from twelve to twenty-five, with gratifying evidences of interest and activity. Mrs. Everett reported a large quantity of literature sent out by Mrs. Smithfield's committee to different points in the State, from which requests had come for it.

Miss Johnston came in late yesterday afternoon from Ashland, where she was on her way to the Girls' Club. She had invited the speaker to the club, and Miss Johnston gave her suffrage address to an audience of about eighty, who were much interested and most enthusiastic.

A program has been arranged for a meeting of the league headquarters to-night at 8 o'clock.

### MISS HELEN GOULD HERE

**Comes from New York to Visit President William Northrop.**

Miss Helen Gould, accompanied by Mrs. Shaw, of New York, arrived yesterday, and will be the guest of her relative, William Northrop, president of the Virginia Railway and Power Company until tomorrow afternoon, when she leaves for Norfolk. Miss Gould will inspect the Y. M. C. A. of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which she founded, and probably will visit other similar institutions in the city. She has been making a tour of the west railway lines here and in Petersburg, in which she is a large stockholder. If there is time she will also look over the Naval Y. M. C. A. and Chesapeake Bay line.

Miss Gould and Mrs. Shaw are planning to spend two days in Norfolk on the return trip, looking over the Naval Y. M. C. A. in which she has taken great interest. On Monday she will attend a meeting of the women's auxiliary of the Naval Y. M. C. A. They go to New York directly from